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SUBJ: SURINAM YOUTH FESTIVAL GROUPS REACH AGREEMENT

REF: PARAMARIBO 735

1. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL GOS SERVICE, COMPETING GROUPS INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING SURINAM'S DELEGATION TO THE WORLD FESTIVAL OF YOUTH AND STUDENTS TO BE HELD IN CUBA BEGINNING JULY 28 HAVE AT LAST REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE GENERAL OUTLINES OF SURINAM'S REPRESENTATION. FACTION OF PNR LEADER ROBIN RAVELES (WHICH INCLUDES WIDE RANGE OF POLITICAL GROUPS) AND SURINAM NATIONA YOUTH MOVEMENT AFFILIATED WITH DR. RUBIN LIE PAUW SAM'S PEOPLE'S PARTY REPORTEDLY HAVE EACH SETTLED FOR HALF OF THE DELEGATION WHICH IS EXPECTED TO NUMBER 30 PEOPLE. IN GOS SOURCE'S VIEW, THIS INDICATES THE STRONGER POSITION WHICH LIE PAUW SAM'S GROUP HAS HAD ALL ALONG IN VIEW OF ITS CONNECTIONS WITH THE WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH, THE ORGANIZERS OF THE FESTIVAL.

2. RAVELES' SUPPORTERS, CONTINUED SOURCE, HAVE NOT YET SUCCEEDED IN COLLECTING ADEQUATE FUNDS TO PAY FOR THEIR PORTION OF THE DEELGATION, WHEREAS LIE PAUW SAM ALLEGEDLY
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HAS AMPLE FUNDS COMING FROM ASSOCIATES IN THE NETHERLANDS. SOURCE STATED THAT GOS DOES NOT PLAN TO FUND THE EXPENSES OF SURINAM'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE YOUTH FESTIVAL BUT IS CONSIDERING SENDING A CIVIL SERVANT FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AS A JOURNALIST. MEANWHILE, SOME PARTICIPANTS IN THE RAVELES FACTION, SUCH AS THE YOUTH WINGS OF THE PROGRESSIVE SURINAM

PEOPLE'S PARTY (PSV) AND THE UNITED REFORM PARTY (VHP)
ARE REPORTEDLY HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT GOING TO
CUBA AT ALL.
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